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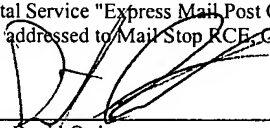
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Title:	DRUG PUMP SYSTEMS AND METHODS		

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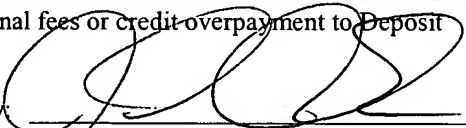
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- ☒ Request For Continued Examination and fee of \$790.00
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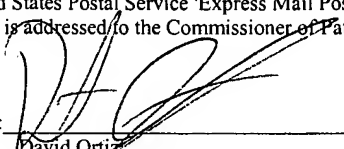
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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

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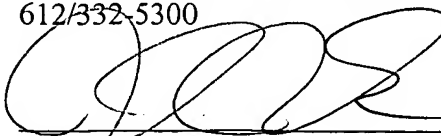
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Dear Sir:

The applicants are filing this RCE after receiving a notice of allowance, but before the issue fee is due in order to have additional prior art considered and made of record. An information disclosure statement disclosing additional art together with the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) are being filed concurrently with the RCE.

The applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentably distinct over these additional references and request reissuance of a notice of allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney if a telephone interview would be helpful in examination of the pending

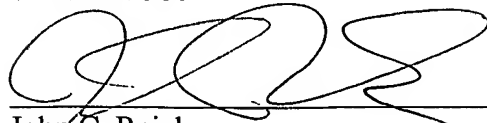
claims or if there are any questions.

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